

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
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In re:

EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND STAYS
OF BANKRUPTCY MATTERS
DUE TO LAPSE IN FEDERAL
FUNDING AND PARTIAL
GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER NO. 18-009

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING CONTINUANCES,
EXTENSIONS OF TIME AND STAYS OF ADVERSARY
PROCEEDINGS DUE TO PARTIAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
SHUTDOWN**

At midnight on December 21, 2018, the continuing resolution that had funded numerous Departments and several independent agencies of the United States of America expired. Appropriations to the Department of Justice and other federal departments and agencies has lapsed. As of this date, no appropriations bill or continuing resolution has been passed that would restore funding.

Several agencies appear and may have matters pending before our Court. Among others, the Department of Justice and its attorneys and employees are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, due to the partial federal government shutdown, except in very limited

circumstances, including "emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property." 31 U.S.C. § 1342. Given these circumstances, the Court deems it appropriate to enter this Administrative Order.

For that reason, it is **ORDERED**:

1. Hearings in cases and adversary proceedings involving any claim, lien or other interest of the United States of America, including its agencies, scheduled for the week of January 7, 2019 and continuing through the conclusion of the week in which the partial-government shutdown ceases, will be continued (by docket entry only) to the next available regular calendar, or such other time and date as the Court may deem appropriate.
2. In all cases and adversary proceedings, the time within which any federal agency affected by the partial federal government shutdown must take record action is extended through fourteen (14) days after the shutdown ceases.

3. Adversary proceedings to which the United States, including its agencies, is a party are stayed until such time that Congress has restored appropriations.
4. The Clerk is authorized and directed to docket continuances and take any other actions that may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Order, including filing a copy of or link to this Order in all pending matters.
5. Non-governmental parties may request relief from this Order by filing a motion and properly serving it on the appropriate affected federal government agency; provided, that relief may be granted only upon good cause shown and in very limited circumstances involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

DONE and ORDERED on January 4, 2019.



KAREN K. SPECIE
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge